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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Garnett H. Smith et al.
Serial No.: 09/941,124
Filed: August 28, 2001
Confirmation No.: 5855
For: **PRINTABLE SYNTHETIC FABRIC**

Examiner: N. L. Torres Velazquez
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 1, 2003, Applicant submits herewith an Amendment and Response.

If any fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account 09-0528.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 3 and 18.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A printed fabric with high dye penetration, high dye fixation, and a soft hand, formed by a process comprising the steps of:
 - (a) printing disperse dyes on a synthetic-rich fabric, the synthetic-rich fabric having been pre-treated with a wicking agent; and
 - (b) fixing the disperse dyes to the fabric by heating the fabric at a preselected temperature and for a preselected time, wherein the finished dyed knitted fabric has a dry crocking index of at least 4.0 and a soft hand.



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